

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-21.

22 (new). An elevator system having a tension member for suspending the elevator loads and a termination device for the tension member, the termination device including:

a compressive system to engage and compress the tension member to provide a first retaining mechanism; and

a clamp engaged with the tension member to provide a second retaining mechanism.

23 (new). The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the rope engagement with the compressive system defines a load side and a cut side of the tension member, and wherein the clamp is engaged with the cut side of the tension member.

24 (new). The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the clamp is separate from the compressive system.

25 (new). The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the clamp includes a first portion and a second portion, the first portion including grooves and the second portion including ridges that complement the grooves such that upon application of a clamping force the interaction of the grooves and ridges retain the tension member.

26 (new). The elevator system according to Claim 22, wherein the clamp includes a first portion, a second portion, and a fastener engaged with both portions to provide a clamping force between the two portions to retain the tension member.